



## **Part Two: What Did Jesus Say about Managing Your Resources? // Jeff Brodie // June 13, 2021**

In part one, Jesus challenged us that true contentment comes from living a kingdom first life. A life of seeking him first and investing in the things that echo into eternity. But what does this actually look like in our lives? How do we break the consumer cycle? Jesus invites us to follow his countercultural way of managing our resources well.

**Scripture:** [Matthew 25:14-30 NLT](#)

**Bottom Line:** A kingdom first life isn't about getting the most, it's about making the most of what you've been given.

### **Getting Started:**

1. Think back to your very first job. What stands out to you about your manager at that job?
2. Have you ever borrowed something from a neighbour or friend and felt the pressure of responsibility? Why do we feel that way?

### **Jumping In:**

3. In your opinion, what characteristics make a good manager? And which ones make a poor manager?
4. How does an owner behave differently than a manager when it comes to looking after their business?

### **Discuss:**

5. Read [Matthew 25:14-30](#).
6. What areas in your life are the biggest struggle for you to be content with? What does it do to your heart when you focus on this one area? What do you think God would want for you instead?
7. Take a moment to think about the things God has given you. If you focused on one thing, what could you do to develop and manage it more effectively for the kingdom?

8. Does it surprise you that the master didn't give each manager the same amount? What does the master use to evaluate how much to entrust to each servant? What do you think about this?
9. Considering God as the owner and you as a manager, how does that make you feel about your possessions?
10. Jeff shared about moving your financial approach from live-save-give to give-save-live. What about this makes sense to you? What makes it challenging?
11. Jeff also shared about establishing a "contentment line." This is prayerfully establishing how much is enough when it comes to your lifestyles, purchases, and spending. The goal is to create freedom by finding a financial margin so that you can live on mission and grow in generosity. What part of this is attractive to you, and what part of it do you find challenging?
12. Looking at our life through the lens of eternity really changes how we see our possessions, our money, and our time. Why is that? From an eternal perspective, if you could change one thing in your life today, what would it be?

**Moving Forward:**

If having financial margin or managing what you have with a kingdom first mindset is something that's new to you or something you could use some practical guidance with, be sure to sign up for the Financial Learning Experience (FLE) that is being offered on Monday, June 21st at 7 pm. FLE is a two-hour online event designed to help you discover financial margin so you can live on mission. To sign up, head to [ConnexusChurch.com/FLE](https://ConnexusChurch.com/FLE).